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COORDINATING GROUP

Meeting on Monday,
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the State Department

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Intelligence Objectives in the Field of Atomic Energy (IAC-D-12)

1. It was explained that DCID-4/2 and IAC-D-12 both originated with Air Force suggestions that such papers would be useful for the guidance of collectors. The group agreed that IAC-D-12 might be helpful to the collection offices in some of the agencies, but that the objectives would have to be broken down in much greater detail in order to be of any use to the field. The present list should not be regarded as establishing priorities. It was brought out that each agency now has more or less detailed collection guides in this field. It was reported that IAC-D-12 had had no effect to date on the activities of JAEIC in the collection or production field and it was felt that it would probably be significant only on the collection side in the future.

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2. Consideration of IAC-D-12 led into a discussion of SIC and its various sub-committees. No conclusions were reached but ideas were freely exchanged. It was suggested that consideration should be given to chairing each group in the agency which has the largest stake in the problem, rather than necessarily in CIA. The general view seemed to be that the sub-committees were valuable primarily as "awareness" groups. It was felt that the structure should remain informal and provide a convenient channel

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for the interchange of information. Some coordination of collection might be undertaken, but the majority felt the committees should not try to allocate production resources, except perhaps in such fields as NIS. It was suggested that more of the sub-committees should put out regular or semi-annual reports.

3. One of the difficulties with these sub-committees was pointed out by explaining that their terms of reference limit them to the purely scientific field and that in general they are not allowed to follow a development past the prototype stage.

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